

## LEVEE BREAK FLOODS MUSCATINE ISLE

Engineers and Firemen  
To Help Switch Strike8,500 DEFY  
UNIONS AND  
JOIN RANKS

Refuse to Work With  
"Scabs," Their Excuse;  
Act Will Stop Traffic.

Chicago, April 7.—Representatives of 8,500 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen employed in the Chicago switching district today have defied their union officials and voted to join the unauthorized switchmen's strike called nearly a week ago.

Freight traffic through the Chicago district already was restricted seriously and strike leaders and railroad officials were agreed that the force of strikers was augmented such traffic would be brought virtually to a standstill.

The vote of the engineers and firemen came in the face of predictions of grand officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's union of North America that by Saturday the strike would be broken by loyal union men rushed here from other cities.

Won't Work With "Scabs."

The engineers and firemen declared they would not work with "scabs," as they termed the loyal union men, and also demanded an increased wage. Engineers are paid \$3.75 a day and they demanded \$4.50 an hour; the firemen, paid from \$4.16 to \$4.28 a day, demanded \$1 an hour.

The switchmen continue their strike under an ultimatum from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen that they will forfeit their union membership unless they return to work by tomorrow night. They also would lose their seniority standing with the railroads.

William L. Bond, treasurer of the Switchmen's union, said 19 trunk lines and five belt lines "are paralyzed" by the strike. Eighteen railroads were affected to some extent, officials admitted.

Appeal to Other Cities.

Switchmen's strike leaders early today said delegations had been sent to Milwaukee, Kansas City and other cities to call strikes.

Brotherhood Chiefs Clash.

Fed by rapidly spreading "illegal" strikes in the Chicago switching district, two of the four great railroad brotherhoods today are battling to retain their supremacy over the "outlaw organizations" which are leading the strikers in demands for more pay and changed working conditions.

Grand lodge officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen called their divisional chairmen on the 20 roads affected by the strike, to Chicago today to plan the campaign.

More than 1,000 union switchmen, summoned here by the railway trainmen, are at work today as strike breakers. Vice President Whitney announced.

Call to Hold Men.

E. Corrigan and M. W. Cable, assistant grand chief engineers, were in conference with chairman this morning, after a vain effort last night to prevent the unauthorized strikers from showing up for work. The men had answered the call, as many engineers had been previously locked out by the switchmen's strike.

There is a great deal of sympathy in the brotherhood ranks for the switchmen, he said.

The situation had become desperate because of the fact that the wages paid these men in the Chicago terminals were absolutely enough to live on," Corrigan said. "The strikers, he added, received a handsome ranging from \$4 to \$5.76 a day."

Traffic Gets On.

Railway officials announced this morning that passenger trains were moving practically on schedule time and that considerable quantities were being moved with the help of loyal workmen, importation of men from other cities, and employees who have been sent out to the yards as switch tenders.

The Chicago switching district embraces all the territory within the "Outer Belt" line, which draws a 10-mile circle around the city, supplying every railroad in this territory.

President Loyal.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 7.—W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and

E. T. MEREDITH  
BRYAN'S CHOICE  
FOR PRESIDENT

Meets Nebraskan's Ideas  
But is Not Hanking  
For a Try.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.  
(Special to The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., April 7.—William Jennings Bryan has looked over the list of men available for the Democratic nomination for the presidency and came to the conclusion that Edward T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, who hails from Des Moines, Iowa, is best equipped, best qualified and best suited to the demands of the rank and file of the party for a progressive candidate.

Mr. Bryan's views have been disclosed to leading Democrats with whom he has recently been in informal conference here. Curiously enough Mr. Meredith himself is not an aspirant for the nomination but is an avowed supporter of William G. McAdoo, for whom he is trying to get the Iowa delegation.

But the commissioner thinks the Wilson lead hangs too heavy around the neck of Mr. McAdoo and while he is personally fond of the former secretary of the treasury and has a high regard for his ability, he thinks the son-in-law argument would be a difficult one to surmount in the campaign.

Doesn't Like Palmer.

As for Attorney General Palmer, Mr. Bryan chafes because of the injunction issued by Mr. Palmer against the coal miners. The commissioner thinks the Democrats should keep in the good graces of labor and while he approves heartily of Mr. Palmer's prohibition views, he doesn't think the attorney general can qualify as a friend of labor.

To all the candidates on the list Mr. Bryan applies this test—prohibition, woman suffrage, friendliness to labor, capacity for business administration and recognition of the interests of the farmer. Mr. Meredith supplies all of these qualities.

He ran for governor of Iowa on a dry ticket and is known as a champion of prohibition. He has ardently supported woman suffrage. He has taken a broad attitude on the question of labor and was appointed a member of the public group in the president's first industrial commission. Mr. Meredith is, moreover, a successful business man. He is the editor and publisher of "Successful Farming," one of the largest farm periodicals in the country. He is a promoter of other large business enterprises and thinks in terms of business efficiency. He favors the League of Nations and has been a consistent supporter of President Wilson.

Would Wait Four Years.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Meredith has never taken himself seriously as a presidential aspirant. Many of his friends here, however, who are not inclined to think he has much of a chance this year even with Mr. Bryan's support say he would make an excellent candidate four years from now as he would by that time have acquired an intimate knowledge of government administration through his membership in the cabinet.

Mr. Meredith is himself one of the

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DENIKINE AIDE  
ASSASSINATED

Constantinople, April 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—General Denikine, former commander of anti-Bolshevik forces in southern Russia, arrived here last night and is today a fugitive from a British warship. Immediately after he landed he went to the Russian embassy with General Romanovsky, his former chief of staff, and it was there he was assassinated.

General Denikine is believed to be in danger because of the high feeling that prevails among Russian officials here, and went on board the warship under a guard of British soldiers.

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JOHNSON IN  
HEAVY LEAD  
OVER WOOD

Two-Third Michigan Vote  
Gives Senator 45,774  
Plurality.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—Tabulation of additional returns from Monday's presidential primary showed this afternoon that United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson was maintaining his lead over Major General Leonard Wood for the Republican endorsement.

The figures were:  
(1,735 precincts out of 2,421.)  
Johnson ..... 128,816  
Wood ..... 83,912

No additional figures were available this afternoon on the Democratic voting. The last tabulation early this morning of 1,472 precincts showed that Hoover was leading Governor Edwards of New Jersey by 4,666. The results:

Hoover ..... 17,662  
Edwards ..... 13,196

N. Y. VOTE IS  
STILL IN DOUBT

New York, April 7.—New York state "big four" unopposed delegates to the Republican national convention rolled over the opposition of former Senator William M. Bennett, pledged to the presidential candidacy of Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, in yesterday's primaries, according to virtually complete returns early today.

With only 136 election districts out of the 2,571 in the city missing the vote for the "big four" was:

Nathan L. Miller, 70,043.  
Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., 70,356.  
Senator William M. Calder, 73,501.

Colonel William Boyce Thompson, 68,104.

Bennett's vote was 25,361, of which his home borough, Brooklyn, contributed 14,373. The vote here was lighter than anticipated by party leaders.

Lowden Claims Vote.

Chicago, April 7.—Louis L. Emmerson, manager of Governor Frank O. Lowden's campaign, today claimed 70 of New York's 88 Republican delegates would vote for Lowden.

William Cooper Proctor, manager of General Wood's campaign, contested Mr. Emmerson's statement and claimed the entire New York delegation for Wood.

Milwaukee Vote.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—Unofficial tabulation of returns from 184 of 199 precincts early today gave Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist mayor, a lead of 3,605 votes over his non-partisan opponent for reelection, Clifton Williams. Mr. Hoan's indicated majority was greater than that he scored two years ago over his non-partisan opponent, 2,089, officials saying returns from the 15 missing precincts could not change the complexion of the result.

The vote stood: Hoan, 37,623; Williams, 34,018.

Thompson Leads.

In the race for delegates at large to the Republican convention at Chicago, 250 precincts out of 2,177 outside Milwaukee gave Thompson, leading candidate of those sponsoring instruction for Senator La Follette for the presidential nomination, 16,094; and Governor Philip, leader of the candidates, favoring an unrestricted delegation, 10,184.

In Milwaukee, 54 precincts showed: Thompson, 4,673; Philip, 2,630.

SIMS INDISCREET  
IS TESTIMONY OF  
ADMIRAL RODMAN

Washington, April 7.—Admiral Hugh C. Rodman, commander-in-chief of Pacific fleet, told the senate investigating committee today that Rear Admiral Sims' letter to Secretary Daniels criticizing the navy's part in the war was "very indiscreet."

"Admiral Sims' indiscretions," he said, "lay very particularly in his breach of confidence in making public an intimate and confidential conversation which should have been held secret."

PROBLEMS OF  
IMMIGRATION  
ARE SURVEYED

First National Convention  
Meets for Solution at  
New York.

New York, April 7.—The first national immigration convention ever held in America began here today to discuss naturalization and immigration laws, the shortage of labor, the exodus of immigrants from America and the cause of unrest among the foreign born with a view to formulating recommendations to congress.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Inter-racial Council of New York and delegates included representatives of 30 racial groups and spokesmen for industry, agriculture, capital and labor.

William H. Barr, president of the inter-racial council and spokesman for industry, and General Coleman Du Pont, chairman of the boards of the directors of the inter-racial council, opened the meeting.

A statement prepared by E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, was read in which he approved of any "legitimate effort to point the way in which the immigrant may be helped to become a thorough-going American."

Vast Shortage Reported.

"America is 4,000,000 men short as a result of the dwindling of immigration since the war," General Du Pont said. "Thousands of immigrants are going back; other thousands are migrating to Canada, South America and Australia, and other countries are making organized efforts to attract immigration. The United States is not.

"There are more than 200 bills pending in Washington, which, if passed, will shut out the future supply of immigrant workmen and will demoralize industrial and credit conditions in America. They will also have the effect of excluding immigrants who left this country following the armistice to attend to affairs in their homelands and who may want to return to America."

"The indiscriminate denunciation of the foreign born, which has been taking place in America, is resulting in many of them leaving this country."

"The situation is a grave one calling for concerted, nation wide action. There is need of a national policy for dealing with this entire subject."

Farm Lovers Helpless.

"Many thousands of immigrants, who came from farms in their home country, and who are real lovers of the soil, have been side-tracked in our great cities because they do not know how to go about it to get a foothold on the agricultural ladder."

"With the poor living conditions in the congested centers, these people are likely to become discontented. Often they are misplaced, working at occupations for which they are unfitted and struggling to make their wages meet the rising costs of existence. Living in colonies in the cities, learning nothing of our language, customs and ideals, they may become the prey of agitators and form an element of unrest."

"Large numbers of the discontented elements can be transformed into contented agricultural workers if they are told how to make the right move."

STATE G. O. P. IS  
URGED TO FAVOR  
LOWDEN TUESDAY

Chicago, April 7.—Republican voters in Illinois are urged, in a statement issued by the state's two senators, 22 Republican congressmen; seven state officials and three ex-governors, to vote for Governor Frank O. Lowden in the presidential preference primaries next Tuesday. The statement was given out by Lowden headquarters here today.

"Governor Lowden has done in the state and has proved that he can do for the nation that which can be promised, and only promised for other candidates," the statement says.

In addition to Senators L. Y. Sherman and Medill McCormick, and the Republican congressmen and state officials, the signers were ex-governors Joseph W. Fifer, Richard Yates and Charles S. Deen.

COLBY TESTIMONY  
TO BE PUBLISHED

Washington, April 7.—The senate foreign relations committee decided today to advise Secretary Colby that he might, if he choose, make public the testimony before the committee in executive session in connection with confirmation of his nomination. Mr. Colby had requested the committee to make public the testimony.

Colby Testimony.

Washington, April 7.—The German charge d'affaires in Paris was instructed today to hand to the French government a note protesting against the French occupation of Frankfurt and other territory on the right bank of the Rhine. The note, after referring to

the contents of the French note of April 5, notifying Germany that the occupation had been ordered, asserted that the occupation of the towns mentioned in the French communication occurred before the note was presented to the German government.

"We must, in the name of justice, reason and humanity," the German note continues, "make the sharpest protest against the action of the French army."

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IRISH WOMEN  
PICKETS HELD  
FOR U. S. TRIAL

Four Plead Not Guilty and Are  
Freely Released—Capital Bombed  
With Paper From Plane.

Washington, April 7.—The four women arrested yesterday for picketing the British embassy entered pleas of "not guilty" today before United States Commissioner Richardson, and were admitted to \$1,000 bail each for appearance at preliminary hearing next Monday.

Washington, April 7.—The four Irish women pickets arrested yesterday at the British embassy were booked for preliminary trial in the police court today on charges of violating a federal statute. They were brought into court after spending the night in the house of detention as the result of their failure to furnish \$1,000 bond.

Obtain Counsel.

Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City, Mo., who represented Irish independence claims at Paris in 1918, is counsel for the women, who are Mrs. Honor Walsh of Germantown, Pa., Misses Kathleen O'Brien and Elaine Burke of Philadelphia, and Helen O'Brien of St. Louis.

Leaders of the movement were present for the hearing. They refused to discuss future plans.

Propaganda Air Raid.

Barred from the streets surrounding the British embassy, the Irish pickets yesterday took to the air. From a flying machine they rained down packages of leaflets espousing the Irish cause and challenged the police to come up and stop them.

There being no sky cop in the nation capital, no arrests were made. Four land pickets, however, who ventured out earlier in the day were arrested and held in the house of detention.

The bombing expedition attracted plenty of attention, but it registered no hits. A low visibility and equally windy scattered the "bombs" everywhere but on the embassy.

RECOGNIZE ALBANIA.

Rome, April 7.—Official recognition of the government and autonomous constitution of Albania has been extended by the Italian government, according to Epoca.

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TO FORCE RUHR ORDER;  
PROTESTS FRENCH DRIVE

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ROCK ISLAND  
MENACED BY  
RIVER RISE

Three Factories Cease Operations in West End;  
Vacate Shantytown.

With the Mississippi river stage at 16.2 feet above low water mark at this point today, a rise of nine-tenths of a foot over yesterday, factories closed, streets flooded, families driven from their homes, railroad washouts interfering with passenger and freight train service, the flood situation in the quads city community has reached a serious aspect.

The most serious developments since yesterday afternoon are the closing of three factories in Rock Island, the necessity of building dikes in Bettendorf to prevent the shutdown of the Zimmerman Steel plant and the Bettendorf company plant at Bettendorf and the flooding of the LeClaire Pike in Davenport, which has inundated the tracks of the D. R. I. & N. W., the C. M. & St. P. and the C. B. & Q. lines, which, with a washout on these lines between Davenport and Clinton near Shafter, has resulted in a serious railroad tieup.

The I. & L. interurban line is also tied up between Davenport and Clinton by the washout between Shafter and Camanche, Iowa.

Other serious developments of the Iowa side of the river are the breaking of the levee on Muscatine island, 12 miles south of Muscatine and the breaking of temporary levee near the mouth of the Wapawippicon river between Davenport and Clinton.

Of these situations the breaking of the levee below Muscatine is by far the most serious. Thousands of acres of farm land are flooded and the Rock Island railroad tracks are in danger. Company

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FLEEING REDS  
MARK END OF  
RUHR REVOLT

2,000 Communists Cross Rhine and  
Are Interned by British—Final  
Clash Expected at Bochum.

Aix La Chapelle, Rhenish Prussia, April 7.—German government troops are marching on Dusseldorf. Occupation of the town is expected late this evening or tomorrow morning.

Berlin, April 7.—Advance troops of the reichswehr and shock troops entered the suburbs of Essen yesterday afternoon. Another detachment occupied the Essen town hall last evening. Long columns of the rearmy passed through Elberfeld yesterday. Other insurgent bands are wandering about the mountains. Five hundred insurgents were transferred by the British to a camp near Cologne.

Reds in Flight.

Coblenz, April 7.—Two thousand communists have crossed the Rhine into the British zone of occupation and have been interned. Twelve hundred more are expected to arrive today.

Flight of large numbers of the communists into occupied territory is considered an indication that the revolt in the Ruhr region is near an end. Bochum was still in control of communists late yesterday and they expected a big fight there.

Ruhr Devastated.

The situation in the Ruhr valley is bad and living conditions are almost unbearable. A railroad strike at Essen is reported and no trains are running.

Firm conviction is expressed by Germans that the action of the French will solidify more than ever sentiment all over Germany against the allies.

Gelsenkirchen, north of here, and Dortmund and Schwerte, to the east, were captured today and occupied by advancing government troops. Much fighting is reported in the Ruhr area.

Red Terror in Essen.

There are indications of the "red terror" in Essen under the direction of Russian officers, it is said. The chief of staff of American forces here has reported his declaration that he has no direct concern with any action outside of American occupied territory except on specific instructions from Washington.

Break to Lower Stage.

It is expected that the break in the levee here will result in a lowering in the stage at other points, thus reducing the danger of floods elsewhere.

NEW REICHSTAG  
ELECTION JUNE 6

Coblenz, April 6.—Announcement that elections for the new German reichstag will be held Sunday, June 6, has been made by the minister of the interior, according to press dispatches from Berlin.

LATE BULLETINS

Springfield, Ill., April 7.—James Yearley of Springfield, Ill., member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, and H. O. Perry, coal operator of Hill'sboro, indicted by the federal grand jury at Indianapolis on conspiracy charges, surrendered to federal officers here today. They were released on bonds of \$10,000 pending a preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Pittsburgh, Kan., April 7.—After a plea of guilty to the charge of contempt had been made for Alexander Howatt and two other Kansas miners' officials when they faced District Judge Andrew J. Curran today, their attorney withdrew the plea. The officials will face trial Friday morning.

Washington, April 7.—House Republicans today cleared the way